



Administrative Office of the Courts

NOTICE OF FUNDING Court Interpreter Credentialing Scholarships

Overview of Project

Due to the number of persons with limited English proficiency residing in the State of Tennessee needing assistance in overcoming the language barrier in order to allow for meaningful access to the courts, it is necessary for qualified spoken language interpreters to be recruited and trained to become credentialed interpreters. Funds are available to qualified applicants to offset the costs of the court interpreter credentialing process pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rules 41 and 42. The AOC has received a one time grant award for this two year project. Grant funds have been awarded from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Competitive Grant Program.*

Qualifications and Criteria

The Administrative Office of the Courts is seeking bi-lingual individuals to commence and/or continue the court interpreter credentialing process pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 42. Preference will be given to applicants that speak languages other than Spanish, however all bi-lingual individuals are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found on the AOC webpage at: www.tncourt.gov

Project Schedule

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| Application period: August 24, 2009 through December 31, 2010. |
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Submission of Applications

Those interested should submit by mail or in person scholarship applications to the AOC. The last date applications will be accepted is December 31, 2010. All applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and approved or denied by the AOC. At any time during the review, the AOC may request additional information from interested parties, which must be submitted in writing.

Applications should be sent to the following address from August 24, 2009 through December 31, 2010:

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